

cylinder. Applicants further submit that the structure described in the '126 patent would not inherently press the web between the support member and the pervious cylinder. The Examiner is respectfully requested to cite the specific portion of the '126 patent wherein the claimed element of pressing the web between a fluid permeable carrier and a limiting orifice medium is taught, or to withdraw the rejection under 35 USC §102(b).

Allowed claims:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 19-27 are allowable and that claims 3-5 and 7-13 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitation of the base claim. The withdrawal of the 35 USC §102(b) rejection would therefore render all the claims allowable.

In light of the above remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 USC §102(b). Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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